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### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 85-88 and 91 are pending in this application.

Independent claim 85 has been amended to provide closed-ended ranges for the amount of high-yield fibers and the dry bulk. Support in the specification for the range of high-yield fibers can be found at page 12, line 10. Support in the specification for the dry bulk range can be found at page 14, line 30.

Turning to the grounds for rejection, claims 85-88 and 91 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement in that the ranges specified for the amount of high-yield fibers and the dry bulk do not have upper limits. To obviate this rejection, independent claim 85 has been amended to provide upper limits. As referenced above, these upper limits are supported by the specification. In addition, Applicants' examples illustrate bulk values as high as 30.3 cc/g, so it is clear that the bulk range being claimed is enabled. Also, Applicants' statement in the specification that the webs of this invention can contain from about 20 to 100 percent would enable any person of ordinary skill in the art to make a web of that composition.

Claims 85-88 and 91 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite on the basis that independent claim 85 sets forth desired physical characteristics of the pad rather than the specific composition of the pad. That is not correct. Independent claim 85 recites a great deal of composition or structure. In particular, independent claim 85 recites that: (1) the pad comprises a plurality of wet-resilient, wet-laid, textured, throughdried cellulosic webs; (2) the webs contain hydrophilic papermaking fibers; (3) the webs are joined together by at least one of several means, including adhesives, sewn thread, fiber entanglement and embossments; (4) the webs comprise high yield fibers and a wet strength agent; (5) the pad has an outwardly facing upper surface having elevated and depressed regions; and (6) the elevated regions have hydrophobic matter selectively deposited thereon. The webs of the pad are further characterized

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by their dry bulk and Wet Compressed Bulk properties. Contrary to the Examiner's position, independent claim 85 does not purport to cover everything having the claimed dry bulk and Wet Compressed Bulk properties as is clear from the foregoing listing of six structural/compositional features.

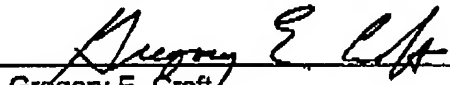
It is therefore believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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